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For: DEVICE FOR APPLYING A VENTRALLY OR DORSALLY
DIRECTED TRANSLATORY FORCE IN THE AREA OF A
KNEE JOINT

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Sir:

SMALL ENTITY ASSERTION

As of July 19, 2006, each owner and/or licensee of the invention claimed in United States patent number 7,309,322 (Serial No. 10/538,047), issued December 18, 2007, qualifies as a small entity as defined in 37 CFR §1.27(a). Accordingly, the patent is entitled to small entity status and small entity status is hereby claimed.

Also, please immediately update the patent record to reflect small entity status for this case and accept maintenance fee payments at the small entity fee.

Respectfully submitted,

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